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## II. Remarks

Claims 1-20 of the present application are pending. In the detailed action mailed January 9, 2007, the Examiner required an election of the applicants' claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner has identified the inventions as follows:

I. Claims 1-18, drawn to a method of delaminating particles and a method of preparing a reinforced polymer using the method of delaminating particles, classified in class 523, subclass 216.

II. Claims 19-20, drawn to a delaminated particle and a delaminated particle-polymer nanocomposite, classified in class 524, subclass 442.

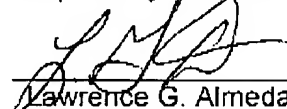
By this Paper and in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect without traverse group I, covered by claims 1-18.

Applicants believe that the application as now claimed is in a condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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